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TION TAKES A HAND

1. JEREMIAH O'LEARY OF WASHINGTON STAR, WHO HAS BEEN FOLLOWING BANANA STORY, CALLED CEN EVENING OF APRIL 17 TO ADVISE OF RECEIPT OF COPY OF CABLE SENT TO PRESIDENT FIGUERAS OF COSTA RICA BY FRED R. FIELD, JR., PRESIDENT BANANA HANDLERS COUNCIL OF THE ILA. COPIES SENT TO PRESIDENTS OF OTHER SIX BANANA EXPORTERS. SUBSTANCE OF CABLE, WHICH WAS UNCLEAR, WAS TO EFFECT THAT FIGUERES HAD NOT LIVED UP TO TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FIELD REACHED IN CONVERSATION
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ON MARCH 28 AND THEREFORE BANANA HANDLERS THREATENING TO

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BOYCOTT SHIPMENT OF COSTA RICAN BANANAS.

2. CABLE STATES THAT UNEQUAL APPLICATION OF BANANA TAX IS PREJUDICIAL AS ARE CONTEMPLATED MOVES WITH RESPECT TO EXCHANGE RATES. QUESTION OF WHO IS BEING PREJUDICED AND, IF IT IS THE BANANA HANDLERS, HOW, IS NOT CLEAR FROM TEXT OF CABLE READ OVER PHONE. CABLE DOES MAKE CLEAR THAT FAILURE OF EQUADOR AND COLOMBIA TO IMPOSE EXPORT TAX IS CONSIDERED BY FIELD TO BE CONTRARY TO UNDERSTANDING REACHED WITH FIGUERES.

3. CABLE ALSO THREATENS BOYCOTT ACTION AGAINST OTHER SIX COUNTRIES IF THEY ENGAGE IN (UNSPECIFIED) PREJUDICIAL (VICTIM UNSPECIFIED) ACTION AND THAT BOYCOTT WOULD EXTEND TO COFFEE, MEAT AND SUGAR.

4. O'LEARY'S COPY INDICATED COPY ALSO HAD BEEN SENT TO DEPARTMENT. THIS COPY NOT YET RECEIVED BUT WILL BE FOR-WARDED IN FULL UPON RECEIPT. KISSINGER

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